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FOL WELLINGTON 00326 SENT ACTION SECSTATE JAN 24, 1978  
REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

S E C R E T WELLINGTON 00326

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: TSPA, NATO

SUBJECT: REENTRY OF SOVIET SATELLITE COSMOS 954

REF: (A) STATE 13681, (B) STATE 15715, (C) STATE 17314,  
(D) WELLINGTON 273

1. I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT MT. JOHN TRACKING STATION  
WENT DOWN JAN. 19 FOR "SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE" WHICH  
OCCURS REGULARLY EVERY TWO YEARS. IT IS NOT SCHEDULED  
TO RESUME TRACKING OPERATIONS BEFORE MID-FEBRUARY.  
INSOFAR AS WE CAN ASCERTAIN, MT. JOHN PERSONNEL HAD NOT  
BEEN NOTIFIED OF SITUATION WITH REGARD TO REENTRY OF  
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COSMOS 954. IN ADDITION, MT. JOHN DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE  
OPERATIONAL AT TIME OF SCHEDULED REENTRY.

2. APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES MAY ALREADY BE AWARE OF  
MT. JOHN'S STATUS, BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE POTENTIAL  
SERIOUSNESS OF THE REENTRY PROBLEM WARRANTS THIS  
NOTIFICATION. SELDEN UNQUOTE VANCE

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